alternative, for Partial Summary Judgment, presently set for hearing on May 16, 2008, and May 30, 2008, respectively.

The current date for the Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE) is April 30, 2008. Extraordinary circumstances as set for above make a continuance of the ENE appropriate. While the parties are certainly fully willing to participate in an effort to resolve this dispute, the current date for the ENE seems to be premature for the reasons set forth above.

This case is at the very early stages. Defendants signed a Notice of Acknowledgment of Receipt of Plaintiff's First Amended Complainant on March 14, 2008. Defendants filed a Notice of Removal on March 18, 2008 and Plaintiffs filed a Motion to Remand on April 21, 2008. Finally, on April 25, 2008, Defendants filed their Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings or in the alternative for Partial Summary Judgment.

Given the pending motions now set before this Court in this matter, it is clear that without a continuance of the ENE, the parties will be participating without a clear understanding which, if any, of the claims will remain in federal court. Based upon the foregoing, the parties will not be able to effectively evaluate their respective positions and a continuance of the ENE by this Court is appropriate.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that it is appropriate for this Court to continue the ENE currently set for April 30, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.

DATED: April 29, 2008 Respectfully submitted, 2 UNITED EMPLOYEES LAW GROUP, PC 3 4 5 Gregory A. Dougla 6 Attorneys for Plaintiffs CHRISTOPHER CLARK and 7 JAMES RENICK 8 9 DATED: April 29, 2008 ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE 10 11 12 Erin M. Connell 13 Attorneys for Defendants CHASE HOME FINANCE, CHASE 14 MANHATTAN MORTGAGE and 15 JAMES BOUDREAU 16 The Court having considered the Ex Parte Application of Plaintiff, and good cause appearing 17 therefore, the Early Neutral Evaluation Conference is presently set for April 30, 2008, is vacated. 18 This Court will set a mutually convenient date and time for the ENE. 19 20 21 IT IS SO ORDERED. 22 Dated: April\_\_\_, 2008 23 Ruben B. Brooks United States Magistrate Judge 24 25 26 27 28 3 PLAINTIFF'S EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER CONTINUING EARLY EVALUATION CONFERENCE